

BRITISH GAS PERFIN ON REGISTERED POSTAL STATIONERY

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Perfined postal stationery is not uncommon: the Army & Navy come to mind, but I presume they did this themselves, using their own machine in their own office. I recently bought a registered envelope (or at least the flap). It was perfined "BG/C" (B2970.03) through the 53½p duty stamp but not the added 7p and 8½p stamps. It is postmarked Southampton 24 May 1978, correct for the user, British Gas (Southern).

This die is the Sloper single head one I usually associate with large format stamps (high value and commemorative) but not with postal stationery etc. I find it strange to think of Sloper's buying and perforating registered envelopes. Can anyone think what the envelopes were used for?